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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Laragh, John L.

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For: METHOD FOR EVALUATING AND TREATING HYPERTENSION

Art Unit: 1657

Examiner: Petersen, C.

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in connection with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed herewith in the above-identified patent application. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Official Action mailed February 25, 2008 in connection with this application. A response to the February 25, 2008 Final Office Action was originally due May 25, 2008. Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the response deadline to August 25, 2008. Accordingly, the RCE and this Amendment are being timely filed.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.